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## (54) Cables with water-blocking and flame-retarding foam

(57) The cable (50) of the present invention incorporates a core (54), an outer jacket (52) surrounding the core, and a water-absorbent foam (10) disposed between the core and the outer jacket as well as inside the core. In a preferred embodiment the water-absorbent foam is a super-absorbent foam comprising a poly-

urethane or similar type foam loaded with super-absorbent polymers (SAPs) which exhibit both water-blocking and flame-retarding characteristics. Additionally, the foam preferably is provided with a moisture content of greater than approximately 0 percent, by weight, thereby improving the flame-retarding characteristics of the foam.

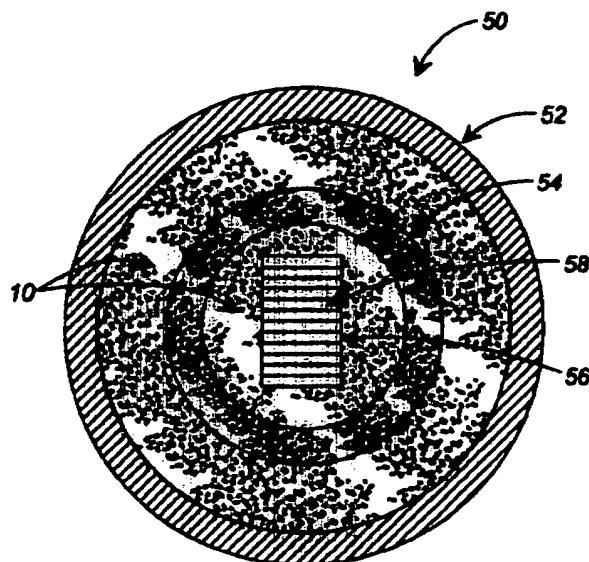


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